

Wishing You All A Merry Christmas

Ready For Winter At the Oil Well

Steam Heating Installed, Likely Drilling Next Week.

During the past week a steam heating system has been installed in and around the buildings and derricks at the Roth oil well. This will make it more comfortable for working during the winter months.

Machinery is now all connected up and everything is now in readiness to remove the old tools after which drilling operations will be resumed. At present work is delayed as Mr. Brown is unable to remove his work from the well. He is suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

Superintendent Reid left yesterday morning for Calgary to secure another derrick to take Mr. Brown's place and if he is successful it is expected drilling will be going in full swing next week.

George Dunnett Died Suddenly at Coast

Was Respected Citizen of Redcliff for Many Years

Word was received from Limer, B. C., this morning announcing the sudden death of Mr. George Dunnett, a former highly respected citizen of Redcliff.

Deceased had been ill for a few days suffering from heart trouble but last Sunday his doctor announced that the patient showed signs of improvement and hopes were entertained for his recovery. Sunday evening deceased was feeling comfortably but shortly after midnight he passed away while still sleeping. The funeral took place yesterday.

Deceased lived in Redcliff for a number of years before his health forced him to move to the coast. While here he was the respect and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. He took a keen interest in the welfare of the town and for several years served on the school board. At Gordon Memorial church where he was a member and an elder, he was an untiring worker. His treasurer he looked after his finances for a number of years.

Redcliff people will remember Mrs. Dunnett and family in their bereavement.

A SCOTCH WAY TO RAISE XMAS FUNDS

He was a canny Scot, and decided that an excellent method of saving money for Christmas would be to put a penny in a money-box every time he kissed his wife.

This he did regularly until the holiday came round, and on opening the box was amazed when he found not only pennies, but shillings, shillings and half-crowns.

Thunderstruck, he asked his wife how she accounted for the miracle. "Well, Jack," she replied, "it's no livery mon that's as close-fisted as you are."

ALBERTA TURKEYS ARE POPULAR THIS SEASON

Nearly fifty carloads of Alberta turkeys are being shipped out of the province this year for the outside markets. The season is a particularly encouraging one for the producer, the demand being keen and the prices good. Several community shipments are being made under the auspices of the Provincial Pool.

ALBERTA WHEAT POOL MEMBERSHIP IS GROWING

The membership in the Alberta wheat pool has increased fifty per cent since the fall of 1925, the total number of members now being 38,000, with the total acreage signed up at 2,622,724 acres. The original membership was 15,000.

Alberta has lost another battle in the fight for cheaper coal freight rates. Meanwhile Canada continues to send eight or ten million dollars a month to the United States for coal.

Mrs. Ernest Smith Died Tuesday Evening

After Prolonged Illness—Funeral This Afternoon at 2:30

After a prolonged illness, extending over the past eight months, Mrs. Albert Ernest Smith passed away at her home here last evening, about 2:30 o'clock.

Although suffering from Bright's disease for some time deceased never gave up until she was simply forced to quit April owing to the firm hold upon her system. She has been constantly under the doctor's care and for a time it was thought she might be brought back to sufficient strength to get around again, but this was not possible. Throughout her entire illness, deceased showed wonderful vitality and bore her suffering with great fortitude.

Deceased whose maiden name was Sarah Hines, was born in Huddersfield, England, 58 years ago. When a young lady she had travelled extensively in Europe before coming to Canada. She came here in 1908 and shortly after her arrival was married to A. E. Smith with whom he lived in England. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Smith lived on their farm in the Box Springs district, where deceased took a keen interest in the home and surroundings making it one of the most homelike places in the district where visitors were always welcome. Nine years ago Mr. and Mrs. Smith moved to town and here resided here ever since.

Although of a reserved disposition, deceased was, when once acquainted, a staunch friend, ever ready to perform acts of kindness to those in need. Deceased had no children and had no relatives in this country. Three sisters and three brothers survive in Scotland.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2:30 from St. Andrew's church where it will be interred in Redcliff cemetery.

Mr. Smith has the sincere sympathy of his friends in his bereavement.

Armistice Day Will Be National Holiday

Dr. Patterson's Suggestion Followed by Action of Our M. P.

At the annual Armistice dinner held by the Medicine Hat Legion last month Dr. Patterson, who was one of the speakers, made a strong gesture against combining Armistice Day and Thanksgiving day and holding "the holiday on the day set apart for Thanksgiving day. He thought steps should be taken to have Armistice day held on the 11th of November, as might what day it fell on, and that it be known as Armistice Day.

Dr. Gresham, M.P., was at the banquet and when he saw how Dr. Patterson's suggestion was received by those present, he lost no time in bringing the matter to the attention of the proper authorities on his first trip to Ottawa. The result has been according to the Medicine Hat News, that Dr. Gresham has the assurance from the secretary of state that the anniversary date of the Armistice will be a national holiday and will not be confused with Thanksgiving day.

SCHOOL REPORT

The following are the results of the Christmas tests in Mr. Thacker's room:

Grade V.
Robert Buchholz, 75, Jean Peterson, 60, Willie Thacker, 65, Edward Maxwell, 65, Pearl Moore, 65, Karen Pedersen, 65, Annie Shaw, 65, Donald Duffield, 65, Jimmie Paulsen, 65, Harold Leung, 65, Edmund Loren, 65, Charles Miller, 65, Willie Muesel, 65, Ellen Kull, 65, John Skidmore, 65, Jean Skidmore, 65, Eugene MacFie, 65, Edith Collard, 65.

Grade VI.
Margaret Kille, 64, Helen Ross, 70, Madeline Lennex, 74, Bertha Smith, 70, Temie Kille, 70, Doris Reinhardt, 70, Lillian Cairns, 65, Malena Martin, 65, Margaret Rutherford, 65, John Skidmore, 65, John Cairns, 65, Janet Peterson, 65, Frank Brown, 65, Annie Tremaine, 65, John Duffield, 65, Clement Johnson, 65, Robert Stratton, 65.

A Thought for Christmastide

"God bless Us, Every One" said
Ting Tim.

MANY years have passed since Charles Dickens wrote "A Christmas Carol" and the world has seen less revelation of the cold cramping power of greed for material wealth, and the glowing picture of the mental and spiritual peace that comes to those who sympathize for humanity finds outlet to dwell as well as in words.

As never before the world about you needs the practical application of the lesson Dickens sought to teach. Everywhere, in the country side, in the village, in the town, in the city, there are Tiny Tims. There are older folks too, sick in body, troubled in mind, oppressed with fears for those dependent upon them, almost worn out with the strain of the battle of life. Sometimes you have wondered how they managed to get along, from what source they draw their unexplainable belief in the coming of a brighter day.

To such as these a kindly thought put into action, may make all the difference between "A Merry Christmas" and one in which the smile of courage is all too close to tears.

"God bless Us, Every One" said Ting Tim.

There are many who are weary of the world, but whose souls are parched with the lack of the encouragement which could give. The day will come when it is too late to wish that the friendly smile of the word of cheer had been as freely given as they were longingly hoped for.

Remember the story of the first Christmas, so old yet ever new. Open wide the door of your heart to its message and its glory. Shall you find the Christmas spirit marching with you through all the days of life, so shall you always be able to say with the abiding faith of peace and rippled Ting Tim.

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Legion Xmas Tree Was Great Success

Large Crowd in Attendance and All Enjoy It

It was a jolly crowd of young and old that gathered at the army last Tuesday evening for the Christmas tree and entertainment in the Legion hall. The tree was a real success and the supper was not dull moment from start to finish.

Promptly at 7 o'clock the ladies started serving supper for the children, and there were so many of them that it took two shifts of the tables to accommodate them.

Supper over the children themselves put on a splendid program of songs, recitations, etc., and among them several members were especially well received, much to the delight of all present.

Santa Claus must have heard about this gathering for he was there with bells on and he arrived just in time to distribute the hundred or more presents which were artistically arranged on a fine Christmas tree.

During the evening Mr. S. Hodge addressed the gathering on the occasion which brought them together, and on behalf of the officers and members of the local Legion he thanked the ladies who had rendered such valuable assistance in making the event the great success it was. He said the old G.W.A. owed much to the ladies of Redcliff for the success which it had attained, and he hoped the ladies would continue their help to the new organization which is now known as the Canadian Legion.

The Legion entertainment committee wish to extend their hearty thanks to the merchants of the town and the citizens generally for their contributions to the supper and tree. They would especially thank Mrs. Hodge, Mrs. McElvogue, Mrs. Kitchin and Mrs. A. G. Oropod, the ladies' committee which took charge of arrangements, and all the ladies who so cheerfully came to their assistance. On the whole the event was a great success and the Legion is being complimented from all quarters for their interest in the children.

GORDON MEMORIAL CHURCH NOTES

The junior group of the G.W.A. held a sale of work in the church on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 18th. The ladies of the group who took part in the sale were: Mrs. Hodge, Mrs. McElvogue, Mrs. Kitchin and Mrs. A. G. Oropod. The work offered was mostly of much older hands at the group. Most of the things were sold for a good price.

The young people have set the date for their play, "The Minister's Wife," New Year's, in court of preparation, for Tuesday, Jan. 18th.

Tom Dutton who is a member of the seventh Boys' Battalion, will be in Redcliff on Friday morning, December 23rd.

Hon. Robert Forke's Immigration Policy

Five Million Dollars a Year to Assist Settlement

Legislation authorizing an expenditure of \$5,000,000 annually to assist in the settlement of 100,000,000 acres of land in the three prairie provinces is under consideration by Hon. Robert Forke, minister of immigration. The land is within 15 miles of railway and is owned by the Crown. One million acres are in Saskatchewan, 3,000,000 in Manitoba and 6,000,000 in Alberta.

Settlers would have certain national (differential) to overcome and the land is very fertile. It is estimated that \$1,000 to native Canadian and \$500 to immigrants to tide them over the preliminary period would suffice to get them to produce. Further loans might be advanced according to the improvement made the loans to be made repayable within 10 years.

Christmas Celebrations

Interesting Review of Origin of Santa Claus and Other Characters and Emblems Associated With Christmas

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ADDITIONAL LOCALS

School closed this afternoon for the Christmas holidays. It will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 4th.

Joe McKenna was a week end visitor to Calgary this week. He reports a very enjoyable trip.

"British Columbia is now talking of getting the government to also take over the control and operation of the gas pipes."

Gordon Memorial annual Christmas tree entertainment will be held in the church tonight. We are assured a good program has been prepared for the occasion.

A bakery ticket is billed for Monday Jan. 4th on Christmas afternoon at 2:30 between the Municipal and Calgary Albertans.

Mrs. A. C. Hodge received the sad news this week of the sudden death of her mother at her home in Malvern, England. Mrs. Hodge has the sincere sympathy of her friends.

The Strathcona School which is up for competition in this school inspection and goes to the school most proficient in physical training, was won by Redcliff again for 1927.

Mr. Roth who is interested in the 6th well here, met with a bad auto accident last week and was unable to get to Redcliff as planned. It will be some time now before he will be able to get here.

"Company of First Battalion, South Alberta Regiment, started drilling here last evening. This is the Redcliff company and already have interest is shown in it by the old members. No difficulty is anticipated in getting the full complement of men."

Are you remembering the glass breakers' hall in Canada theatre New Year's Eve. All are predicting it will be the biggest of the season. Don't miss it. Good made—good floor—good company—good lunch—GOOD NIGHT! What more do you want?

Hon. H. Greenfield, Commissioner of Colonization for Alberta, will leave for Regina shortly after the New Year, for the purpose of opening an office for the Alberta Government for the direction of immigration to the province.

With W. D. Ross as headmaster—governor and Sir Robert Falconer, president of the University of Toronto, the Blue Stems are not doing so badly in Ontario.

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CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS is again with us. There is no day in the whole year that brings with it just quite the same feeling as does Christmas. Nor is there any day on the calendar which is more universally and more similarly observed throughout the world than is Christmas day. The reason this day creates a different feeling and is most universally and similarly observed, is because it marks the anniversary of the greatest gift to the world; the anniversary of the birth of the Saviour of the world. It is a gift giving season originally intended more for children. In remembrance of the gifts brought to the Christ child.

Of late the season has been more or less commercialized and to such an extent that one wonders if the modern Christmas brings as much real happiness as it did years ago when we had the old domestic Christmas with its simple toys for the children's stockings, its home merriment and carol singing.

Still it is Christmas. Let us all enter heartily into the real spirit of the occasion. Let us be happy ourselves and endeavor to promote the happiness of others.

THE TURKEY POOL

It is beginning to look as though there is a great possibility of the growing pool business in farm products, working to the disadvantage of the urban centers of the West. Take the poultry pool for example. In some districts the entire turkey production is being shipped East through the pool and the result is that towns and villages in those districts are left with but turkeys. This means the butchers in those centres have to get a stock from the larger cities and that, in turn, means greatly increased prices to the people right in the heart of where the turkeys are grown in abundance. It would be good business if those in charge of these turkey pools would see to it that the local market is supplied first, and at a price in keeping with what they realize through the pool.

Results of the 1926 census in Alberta are now being published. They are compiled in electoral districts and in Medicine Hat district show a loss of over 7,000 in population. This falling off is, with the exception of a handful or so, entirely in the rural districts. Probably this accounts for a big change in the vote in the last two elections.

Cities and towns all over the province are making quite a fuss about getting up Santa Claus Funds to provide Christmas cheer for poor unfortunate families. Redcliff is very fortunate that it does not need anything of that kind this year. Our heads of families have all had steady work and these are few if any cases of real want in town. In this we are very fortunate. Because of this we should be able to enter more heartily into the real spirit of the occasion.

Since the Railway Commission declined to halt the general investigation into freight rates in order to hear the appeal on a special rate on Alberta coal to Ontario, it may reasonably be

assumed that nothing will now be done which can improve conditions for this winner. It's just another case of side-tracked.

When Premier Brownlee was in Lethbridge last week a committee from Cardston waited upon him and pressed their claim for a gravelled road from Cardston to Waterton National Park. Several centres are now after the government to gravel roads. Why not Redcliff?

Churches

GORDON MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

R. N. Matheson, R.A., Minister.
Dear stranger: If your home church is not in town, Gordon Memorial Falls will be glad to welcome you to share its activities and service. Organizations of congregation meet: Official Board, Second Tuesday of each month.

Communion Service, Second Sunday in each quarter, at 11:00 a.m. Women's Missionary Society, the last Thursday afternoon of each month at 2 o'clock.
C.M.F. at 5:30 p.m.
Willow Workers' Mission Band, the first and third Mondays of each month at 4:15 a.m.
Ladies Aid, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, except last Thursday of the month.

On Sunday, Dec. 26th, Christmas will be celebrated at both morning and evening services. Christmas is a lovely time for folks who are away from home. Dear friend, if your home church is not in town, come and share the day with Gordon Memorial.

10 a.m. Church School.
11:15 a.m. Public Worship.
Subject: "Emmanuel."
7:00 p.m. Evening Service.
Subject: "There was no room." Morning Anthem—"In a Manger." Evening Anthem—"Glory to God in the Highest," and "There were Shepherds."

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Rev. J. L. Cooper, R.A., Vicar
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Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Choral Eucharist at 11 a.m.

St. Stephen's Day, Dec. 26th. First Sunday after Christmas.
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.

Matins and Evensong 11 a.m.
Children's Service, Carols and Address, 3 p.m.

Evening, Carols and Sermon, 7:30 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 28—Holy Innocent's Day.
Jr. W. A. Christmas Party, 2 to 6 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 30—E. S. Christmas Tree and prize giving.
Fri., Dec. 31—Evensong, 7:30; followed by Choir practice.

Sat., Jan. 1, 1927—Coronation of our Lord. Holy Communion 8 a.m.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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Interesting Local Items

Now that the soldiers have started drilling we should see a strike off.

Mrs. Hulsand has been spending the past few weeks in town visiting Mrs. Broadfoot.

G. M. Miller, Empress, and A. E. Wehndel, Jenner, have been appointed Justices of the Peace for Alberta.

The weather took a slight dip yesterday and is not quite so happy. It is good Christmas weather, however.

Under the Recovery Act, an exceptionally large number of farms in the Windfield district will be offered for sale on Jan. 25th. The sale will be held in Windfield.

According to changes made in the liquor act the fee for permits to have liquor at a banquet will be \$2.00, for other purposes \$2.00. For the purchase of beer \$1.00.

W. T. Lockwood, who has been on one of his periodical visits to Redcliff and Medicine Hat, left Tuesday for Havre, Mont., where he will visit H. O. Wheeler, formerly old Redcliff resident, before returning to New York.

Thos. Dutton, who was recently elected to represent this district in the boys' parliament, leaves this week for Edmonton, where parliament meets and will be in session all next week. Tom goes to Edmonton as a supporter of the government.

A. J. Learmonth who has been in the Medicine Hat hospital where he underwent an operation about a month ago, returned home last Sunday. Mr. Learmonth is able to be around the house and hopes to be able to get out in the course of a week. He is feeling greatly improved since his operation and is rapidly regaining his old time strength.

During the cold spell of a week ago, a number of sheep belonging to R. N. Rose of the East Sparke district, were badly frozen about the mouth. Mr. Rose brought 100 of them to town and stabled them in the livery barn for shelter and proper attention. They now all recovering nicely and able to eat comfortably. Only one of the flock succumbed.

Wishing Our Friends

A Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

ED. T. COOKE

Hockey Match

Calgary Albertans Vs. Medicine Hat Monarchs
IN THE ARENA, MEDICINE HAT
Christmas Afternoon At 2:30 Sharp
ADMISSION 50c and 25c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

IN THE ESTATE OF BESSIE BURK, late of the Town of Redcliff, in the Province of Alberta, Farmer, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims upon the estate of the above named BESSIE BURK who died on the 3rd day of January A.D. 1926, are required to file with the undersigned by the 21st day of January A.D. 1927, a full statement duly verified of their claims and if any securities held by them, and that after that date the Administrator will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which notice has been filed, or which have been brought to his knowledge.

DATED this 2nd day of December A.D. 1926.

TRENNHOLME DICKSON,
Official Guardian of the Province of Alberta, Administrator, Government Buildings, Edmonton.

IRVINA F. MacLEAN

Teacher of Piano-forte

Is desirous of starting a class commencing on January 8th. Labeled Toronto Conservatory methods, obtained from Mt. Royal College, Calgary.

Special attention given to technical work.

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CHOCOLATES—A nice new line in suitable Xmas boxes.

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A full line of—
CIGARS, CIGARETTES and TOBACCOS
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CHRISTMAS CAKES

and PUDDINGS

Leave your orders here WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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MONDAY

December 27th

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— IN —

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Christie Comedy—

"SHORE LEAVE"

Priests—25c and 50c

THURSDAY

December 30th

Buck Jones

— IN —

"Rustling for Cupid"

Imperial Comedy—
"MATRIMONY BLUES"

Man of 60 Helped By Simple Mixture

"After taking Asterika I feel better than for years. At my age (60) it is ideal—so different from other medicines." (signed) W. W. Carter. Asterika is a simple mixture of both-thorn bark, glycerine, etc., which removes GAS in ten minutes and often brings surprising relief to the stomach. It keeps that full, bloated feeling. Brings out old waste-matter you never thought was in your system. Excellent for chronic constipation. The Post Office Drug Store.

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H. D. KITCHEN

Redcliff Garage

Christmas Gifts

We have a nice assortment of MOCCASINS, SCARFS, and MITTS

Men's, Women's and Children's SLIPPERS

Men's Fancy SOCKS
A Good Assortment to Choose from Good Suitable Christmas Presents

Time in and look them over at

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THURS. FRI. - SAT.

JEAN HERSHOLT and LOUISE FAZENDA in

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New Serial—"Scarlet Streak" Comedy—"Which is Which"

MON. TUES. WED.

Good Holiday Program

BEN TYN TYN

— IN —

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WISHING YOU ALL

A Very Merry Xmas & A Happy New Year

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TO YOU ALL

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H. CHAMP

PHONE 43

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A Very Merry Christmas And A Happy and Prosperous New Year

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Wishing You All

A Merry Christmas

And A

Happy New Year

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